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CHEROKEE FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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TAGS: PFOR, PLO (MELOY, FRANCIS E.) (WARING, ROBERT O.)

SUBJECT: PUNISHMENT OF MELOY AND WARING MURDERERS

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1. THE PLO HAS RAISED WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT, THROUGH THE SECURITY CHANNEL, THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MELOY/WARING ASSASSINATIONS. THEY URGED THAT WE COOPERATE ON THE INVESTIGATION AND SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO USE THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. YOU SHOULD TELL FAHMY OF THIS COMMENT BY THE PLO CONTACT IN BEIRUT, AND SAY THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO USE EGYPTIAN GOOD OFFICES. AS FAHMY WILL RECALL, WE CONVEYED THROUGH THE EGYPTIANS A MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT JULY 1

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(AMBASSADOR SEELYE GAVE THE SAME MESSAGE TO THE EGYPTIAN

AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT JULY 5). WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE EGYPTIANS WOULD TELL THE PLO THAT WE ARE FULLY PREPARED TO USE EGYPTIAN GOOD OFFICES FOR THIS PURPOSE. AS WE STATED EARLIER THROUGH THE EGYPTIANS, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE WHATEVER INFORMATION THE INVESTIGATION HAS ALREADY BROUGHT OUT.

3. TELL FAHMY THAT WE UNDERSTAND HIS POINT, MADE IN YOUR JULY 5 TALK WITH HIM, THAT WE SHOULD DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE PLO ON THIS. HE UNDERSTANDS, TOO, WE ARE SURE, THE PROBLEMS THAT THIS GIVES US. SINCE THE PLO IS APPARENTLY QUITE WILLING TO DO IT INDIRECTLY, AND HAS IN FACT TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO SUGGEST IT, WE WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE IT FURTHER. A GOOD DEAL OF TIME HAS PASSED AND THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER PROGRESS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF IN IDENTIFYING OR PUNISHING THE ASSASSINS.

THANK FAHMY WARMLY FOR ALL THE HELP HE HAS GIVEN US IN CONNECTION WITH OUR PROBLEMS IN LEBANON. WE RECOGNIZE THE BURDEN IT IMPOSES ON HIM AND ARE ALL THE MORE GRATEFUL. KISSINGER

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